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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

## A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants:

- Amend the specification for inclusion of cross-referencing information, for mooting the objections raised in the second enumerated paragraph of the Office Action, and for other editorial reasons.
- 2. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8-13, 20-25, 33-38 and 45-52<sup>1</sup>.
- Cancel claims 1, 4, 26, and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.
- 4. Rewrite claims 8, 20, 33, 45, and 47 as independent claims.
- Amend claims 2-3, 5, 14-17, 27-28, 30, and 39-42 for sake of dependency on the written independent claims or for consistency with existing or amended dependence.
- 6. Amend the drawings, specifically to label Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 as "Prior Art" as requested in enumerated paragraph 3 of the Office Action.

## B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 8, 20, 33, 45, and 47, indicated as being allowable, have been rewritten as independent claims, and all other claims made ultimately dependent from a respectively one of these amended claims. As amended, for clarity and succinctness independent claims 8 and 33 do not necessarily include all the verbiage from the claims from which they previously depend. Yet Applicants submit that the substantive import of the amended independent claim is essentially the same as the subject matter indicated as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Claims 8-13, 20-25, 33-38 and 45-52 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (see enumerated paragraph 8 of the Office Action).

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allowable. In this regard, for example, independent claim 33 has been rewritten as an independent claim to be commensurate in scope with corresponding method independent claim 8, with the result that RNC relocation procedure limitations are not included in independent claim 33. Rather, the RNC relocation procedure limitations, which should not have been in original dependent claim 33, remain in dependent claim 37.

## C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the Examiner has ample bases for withdrawing all rejections and for allowance of all pending claims. Accordingly, a formal indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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